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In the last five days of February 1950, 22 freight cars loaded with bricks arrived in Vienna from Czechoslovakia and two carloads of household china and four carloads of toilet fixtures from "Fer-Union", Budapest, Hundary. Juschuneschtrans, Soviet-controlled Vienna transport firm, delivered these shipments, which were received in Austria without customs clearance and were handled as Soviet property, to "Vertrieb von Baumaterialien", Vienna IV, Armentinierstrasse 26, which has already sold the porcelain shipments to Haas 2 Czjaek, Vienna I, Kaernerstrasse 5.* It is presumed that "Vertrieb von Baumatomialian" will derive considerable profit from the sale of the bricks which are seriously needed in Austria.

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Correct: It is possible that this shipment of bricks from Czechoslovakia is part of an Austria-Czech compensation agreement in which Czechoslovakia agreed to deliver 1,000 carloads of wall bricks in exchange for raving stones. See

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